

As heretofore, this inventory has been prepared by Miss May Riley, the botanical determinations of seeds introduced have been made by Mr. H. C. Skeels, and the descriptive and botanical notes arranged by Mr. S. C. Stuntz, who has also had general supervision of this inventory, as of all the publications of this office.

It is with deep regret that we record here the death of Mr. Stephen C. Stuntz, which occurred on February 2, 1918, while this inventory was in press. Mr. Stuntz had charge of the publications of this office for more than seven years. Through an unusual acquaintance with languages and with bibliography he had built up and systematized these publications, which are known throughout the country to thousands of amateur and professional gardeners and practical farmers, and many of the improved appliances and methods which have served to make the work of plant introduction a success were due to his thought and ingenuity.

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